



## Robert Louis Dick

March 28, 1939 - January 12, 2010

Robert Louis Dick, age 70, a resident of Warren, died January 12, 2010 at St. John Oakland Hospital in Madison Heights. He was born March 28, 1939 in Detroit. Bob was a U.S. Army veteran. He retired in 1988 from Ford Motor Company after 30 years of working as a sewing machine operator. He loved his motorcycles, but also enjoyed bicycling, canoeing and traveling. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Ann Dick; sons, John "Tommy" Jacqueline Dick of Royal Oak and Timothy Tori Dick of Eastpointe; sisters, Lorene Doherty and Mary "Betty" Rettell; and grandchildren, Jeremy and Ean Dick. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Claudia Dick; and siblings, Catherine Jean Frentrup, William Thomas Dick, John "Jack" James Dick, Dino Dick, Roseann Dick, Alice Marie Zollars and Edward Dick. The visitation will be held Friday 1-9 p.m. and service Saturday 11 a.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak, with the Rev. Steven Koehler officiating. Memorials to Muscular Dystrophy Association, 43329 Schoenherr Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

BO

“ Just found out today of Bob's passing and couldn't be sadder. Although we were not close I looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed all my times with this man whose zest for life seemed unmatched. From meeting many of his friends and some of his family I can only hope to live my life even half as well as he did his. "Never to be forgotten, always to be missed." Ride on Brother. We will always remember you. Bob & Montana New Hampshire

Bob O'Neill - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WN

“ ----- Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this most difficult time. Bob was a good man...

William & Andrea Nagy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear John: So sorry for your loss. Being a strong leader, I know you will help get your family through this very sad time. Our prayers are with you. Mike and Darcy Smith Mpls. MN.

Mike Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ John and Family, What a wonderful send off for your Dad. He was truly a great man! I want to thank him for all he had done for my boys. He was a good neighbor and friend. He will truly be missed. When I hear the thunder I will know it's just Bob Dick riding his Harley around having a great time. God Bless

Juanita & Gary Pyles - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I'm writing from Matt's heart when I say he truly enjoyed Bob! They didn't know each other long but we all had fun together. I'll miss you Bob and if Matt was still here he would say the same. My heart goes out to his family more than many will ever understand.

---

**Pat Lowry** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ So sorry to hear of the lost of Mr. Dick. All my condolences go to the family. The family is in my prayers. May "the God of all comfort" bless the family and comfort them during this sad time. 2Corinthians 1:3,4.

---

**Terrance** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Although we only met you a couple times, we feel as if we've known you all along. Tony talked about you ALL the time. He always looked forward to a DICK party. He saw you as a Grandfather, Father & a very positive person. Thanks for being there for him. I disagree w/ the bailing out of jail thing LOL but that's OK. You will be missed Bob. Prayers to the Dick family that God will wrap his arms around you all till you get through this.

---

**John & Cheryl Gillis** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ A truly wonderful and entertaining guy. He will be missed

---

**John Fairbanks** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Pontoon Bob. We will remember you always. Until we meet again, my friend.

---

**Bob Kowalski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I was very sad to hear of Bob's passing. He will be remembered very fondly. My condolences to the entire family.

Steve Mace - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ John: I was so sorry to hear about Bob. He will be missed by many. I'm glad I was able to meet him at his birthday party. I'll remember all the wild and crazy stories I was told. Sorry I'm not able to make the trip but you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jimmy Arnold - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We are very sad for your loss but glad we had the chance to know Bob. Charles & Patricia Renk Martin

charles r. martin iii & Patricia Martin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I'll miss you, Bob. Paddling with you has been a real experience. I am glad we were able to spend time on the Missinaibi last year. We carried the canoe together and helped each other make it through. God bless you.

Jay Hanks - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ JOHN, SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR DAD. HE WAS A GREAT AND FUNNY GUY! JARED REMEMBERS GOING ON THE PONTOON BOAT AS HIS DESIGNATED DRIVER AT GULL ISLAND. OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. DAN AND DEBBIE LLOYD

DEB AND DAN LLOYD - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember the good times spent on the porch in Kentucky with John. He was always ready to have a good time...and we certainly did have some good times! I'll never forget him leading us out of the Talbert Tavern in a passionate procession because "they ain't got no god damn burgoo!"

Eric Fairbanks - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ John, We will always have the fond memories of our time in jail with you and your Dad. We were shocked to hear of his passing. We truly consider you part of our family. We will have a bourbon tonight in his memory and remember the fun times. We hope to see you this year when you are in California.

Ken Fairbanks - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I was so shocked to hear, my husband John called me at work and we were both crying, I am crying now. Bob called our house most days at least 3 times a day. He just bought over a plant of spring bulbs on 1/09/10 along with some bird seed. John and Bob spent many hours together canoeing/kaying, bicycle riding and motorcycling. Bob always brought a smile to us. Glad John and our son Nick could go to the New Years Day Paddle with him.

Betsy Scislowicz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear John, Carry the many wonderful memories of your father with you. I am glad you had that awesome ride for MDA together. What a selfless act for two special men to share. You, Jackie and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you... Jill

Jill Lemons - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Bob was a great outdoorsman and canoeist and man could he fry up fresh lake trout! He was wonderful company with a great sense of humor, he was always fun to be around. My condolences to his family. We'll all miss him.

---

**Sandie Schulze** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear John, My deepest Sympathy to you and your family. Remember, Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. I know you have many memories with your father. You have been very blessed. I hope you find peace in memories. I will keep you in my prayers.

---

**Maureen Holtgraves** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ My friend John, My sincerest condolences to you and your family during this most difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

---

**Henry Gomez** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Daddy Dick's passing. Although I only spoke with him over the phone, he seemed like a very fun-loving person. My prayers go out to John and his family. He may be gone from this earth but not from our hearts.

---

**Natalie Barrios** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Bob is one of the greatest memories I have of jail...ers Inn! He was definately a lover of life & fun & I was lucky enough to be able to experience them both with him. He was a true friend. I Love him lots as well as John & Jackie. Love ya, Lisa Marie

---

**Lisa Marie Peebles** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Bob is one of the greatest memories I have of jail...ers Inn! He was definately a lover of life & fun & I was lucky enough to be able to experience them both with him. He was a true friend. I Love him lots as well as John & Jackie. Love ya, Lisa Marie

---

**Lisa Marie Peebles** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I'm happy to have paddled with Bob and Great Lakes Paddlers. He obviously had a zest for life. My condolences to his family.

---

**Vicki Schroeder** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Only once did I have the chance to paddle w. Bob - in 2007 on the Huron River w. Great Lakes Paddlers. A good man, a good paddler. Heaven has many rivers and few portages. Paddle strong & easy Bob - and scout them out in that big red canoe for the rest of us.

---

**Deborah de Lorenzo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I have heard stories about Bob Dick for years. I only got to meet him a couple of times, and he was always friendly and considerate to all he met. I wish his family and his friends my condolences, and will pray for all of you during this difficult time of adjustment. God bless you all.

---

**Rod Groom** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ When I think of Bob all I can do is smile because that's what he made us all do. Bob was a man that knew how to squeeze the most out of life. We should all take a page from his book and live it. My heart goes out to the family.

---

**Mary Guirey** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this most difficult time

---

**Randy Orchard** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Our deepest condolences to the Dick Family. As difficult as it is remember the man and the ride! You are in our thoughts and prayers. Matt and Skarleth Kozlo

---

**Matt And Skarleth Kozlo** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ I wish to extend my sincerest condolences to "Uncle Bobs" family and friends. We shared a lot of great memories canoeing, biking, camping and traveling together. He will be sorely missed by all. Your very good friend, Bruce

---

**Bruce Vaerten** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Bob was always a pleasure to be around and had a way of making everyone smile when they were in his presence. The time spent with him was always enjoyable. I will miss the great humor that he had, but will always remember the time I was fortunate to spend with him. He was someone who seemed to enjoy life to the fullest. If only all of us could enjoy life as much as he did. My condolences to his family for their loss. Hold the memories that could only be those from time spent with Bob close to your heart forever.

---

**Tom Brandau** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Jeremy and Family, I just found out yesterday this awful news. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers in this most difficult time. My sincerest condolences for your loss. Errin

---

**Errin Stegich** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I have known Bob for over 25 years I grew up on the same street he lives on. I can remember when I was a kid and Bob would ride by on his old 68 FLH or the Indian and I would think that guy was kool and he was. When my brother got hit on his bike Bob came over the day he got out of the hospital and put him on the back of his bike and took him to the bar just to get him back on the bike. When I bought my Harley 7 years ago Bob gave me allot of pointers and also invited me to go on rides with him and his group of friends. I will always remember Bob's famous advice "DON'T BE A DICK! GDWTHF!!"

---

**Gerry Pyles** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I met Dick when I was 18 years old. We went on a rafting trip in Pennsylvania, followed by many more that I will never forget. We all had nicknames one year...Red Dick, Rosie Dick, Slippery Dick, Wet Dick, Drowning Dick, Daddy Dick...to name a few! He was larger than life, and always had a smile on his face. He used to visit my Mom in Florida and always tried to get her to take a ride on his bike, which she refused with a flattering grin! She turned 85 on the day of his death... My heart and prayers go out to his family during this time of sorrow, but if there is one thing I know about Bob Dick, he would say... GDWTF! Don't cry, but live, love, and laugh at the memories! I love you Bob!

---

**Carrie Morgan Smeznik** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear John and family: I too have been blessed by knowing your Dad. We first met at Bike Week in Florida - March 1995. What a week that was! Bob indeed was a gentleman, lover of life and the stories he could tell! I have many fond memories of our times and trips together. I will cherish them forever. You will always be in my heart and thanks for the memories! D.B.F.F.D.B. C.S.F.F.C.S.

---

**Michelle Mogan** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ John, Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Cherish the memories. Your special trips will be with you forever. Someday we will all be riding in the sun.

---

**Rick** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Bob, you will be missed dearly by all whose lives you have touched. Our deepest sympathy goes to your family during this trying time and you will live on as a legend in our memories forever.

---

**Rich & Tami Carr** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Rode a lot of miles, drank a lot of beer. I was always happy to see him. I'll miss you brother.

---

**Tony Ruiz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ There will never be another you, Bob. We will all forever hold you in our hearts and in our memories. It was a great honor to have known you for all these years, and with time, our sadness will subside but never go away. You have touched so many in your years on this earth, and you will be missed more than words can ever say. Our hearts go out to your family and all the people who had the pleasure and joy to know you. We all love you and it will never be the same without you. D.B.F.F.D.B. C.S.F.F.C.S.

---

**Crash & Linda Diedrich** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ John, Although I will be unable to speak with you during your time of sorrow, please be assured that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God Comfort You.

---

**Daniel Florkowski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I was proud to call Bob a friend we canoed, bicycled and enjoyed the outdoor on many occasions. He showed me that growing older is not an excuse for slowing down in doing the things that you enjoy. I will miss you Bob and as I paddle down some distance river using the Dick strap I will think of you, Thanks Bob. Don St.Denis

---

**Don St.Denis** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Having had the fortune to live behind him for many years, Bob was a great friend to our family. I am lucky to have known him and hope that I do 1/10th as much in my life as Bob did in his. We should all be inspired by the love for life shown by Bob Dick.

---

**Danno** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ It was a delight to have Bob join us on paddles and events. His many stories and infectious smile will be fondly remembered. Our deepest sympathy. Windsor Essex County Canoe Club

---

**Sharon DeYoung** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I had the pleasure of sharing Bob's canoe for a trip in Algonquin Park a couple of years ago. He epitomized a man who lived Life to the fullest. He balanced being a true gentleman and a down-to-earth fellow with an infectious sense of humour. Certainly one of a kind! He'll be missed by many.

---

**Mike Alexander** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Detroit lost a true legend. My deepest condolences to Bob's family and to all that were lucky enough to know him...D.B.F.F.D.B.*

-----  
**Kev Graf** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *My condolences to Bob's family. May all the thousands of terrific memories offer you some comfort in these terrible and tradgic times. I miss you, Bob. You will forever be in my heart.*

-----  
**Christy Howard** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *We are shocked and saddened at the news of Bob's death. The Great Lakes Paddlers Club will not be the same without him.*

-----  
**Sharon Clark** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM